

The experience of Detroit shows that contagious diseases are easily spread in ways that seem perfectly innocent. In that city the scholars in the public schools get one pencil-to-day and another to-morrow, all the pencils being dropped into a box at the close of school each day. Children have the natural habit of putting pencils into their mouths frequently and in this way diphtheria was spread about Detroit. This practice ought to be discontinued wherever it exists. Precaution in small things is often more necessary than in large ways.